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A regular meeting of the New Jersey State Board of Massage and Bodywork Therapy was held at 124 Halsey Street Newark, New Jersey, in the Sussex Conference Room, 6th Floor, on Wednesday September 24, 2014. The meeting was convened in accordance with the provisions of the Open Public Meetings Act. Cynthia Sinicropi-Philibosian, Chairperson of the Board called the meeting to order at 9:30 A.M. and a roll call was taken and the following attendance was recorded:

SONDRA M. FOUNTAIN	Excused
CYNTHIA SINICROPI-PHILIBOSIAN	Present
CHRISTINE GILL ROSE	Excused
LORI KEITH	Present
DAVID BANK	Present
BRUCE A. SPICER	Present

Also present were: Susan Carboni, Deputy Attorney General; Laura L. Anderson, Executive Director; Gerard Tobia, Administrative Staff.

OPENING STATEMENT "Reading of the Sunshine Law" **A QUORUM WAS DECLARED PRESENT:**

In accordance with Chapter 231 of P.L. 1975, more commonly referred to as the Sunshine Law, adequate notice of this meeting was provided by mailing on September 27, 2013. A schedule of all 2014 Regular Open Meetings of the Board of Massage and Bodywork Therapy to be held during 2014 was provided to the Office of the Secretary of State, Star Ledger, Trenton-Times, The New York Times, Camden Courier Post, The Press of Atlantic City and The Philadelphia Inquirer. The schedule has also been posted on the bulletin at the New Jersey State Board of Massage and Bodywork Therapy Office.

Public Attendance: Andrea Grace, NHA

I. APPROVAL OF THE PUBLIC SESSION MINUTES

A. September 24, 2014

**Upon a motion made by Lori Keith and seconded by David Bank, the Board voted to approve the September 24, 2014 Public Session Minutes as amended.
A vote was taken and the motion carried by a unanimous vote.**

II. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Federation of State Massage Therapy Boards(FSMTB)
2014 Annual Meeting(Arizona)
Cynthia Sinicropi-Philibosian - Board Chairperson Report

Chairperson, Cynthia Sinicropi-Philibosian, presented a report regarding the FSMTB annual meeting she attended, which was held on October 2-4, 2014, in Tucson, Arizona.

- B. Chairperson, Cynthia Sinicropi-Philibosian noted that the information shown under the "alert" item on the Board's website is outdated. She suggested a better utilization of that space and keep current information.
- C. Letter from Alexandra J. Golden (License No. 18KT00650400)
RE: Continuing Education / License Renewal

Ms. Golden wrote the Board to appeal for an amendment to the 2014-2016 licensure renewal period. She states that she received her license in April 2014, which means that she is only required to complete 10 CEU's , 2 of which, must be in Ethics. She indicates that due to her work schedule and the available classroom settings in her area, it is not financially feasible for her to take off work so that she can obtain her classroom hours in. She is asking that her CPR certification time count as her classroom training for this renewal period only.

A motion was made by David Bank and seconded by Lori Keith, to advise Ms. Golden that she can complete six (6) continuing education credits online and four (4) additional hours in a classroom setting before November 30, 2014. A vote was taken and the motion carried by a unanimous vote.

- D. Letter from Eva Carey (License No. 18KT00052900)
President, Cortiva Institute, Hoboken, NJ
RE: "Pending Status"

Ms. Carey wrote the Board to request that given the huge workload that the Board of Massage and Bodywork Therapy and your offices have in licensing massage therapists, it is understood that therapists are permitted to be employed and practice with a "pending status" in their application process. Ms. Carey indicates that this policy has been communicated to her and her employers for quite some time now and is requesting if the Board can document this statement either via email or letter so she can include it with her annual report to ACCSA, her accreditor.

Because of the multitude of pending applications and delays in processing, those applicants whose applications are in "pending status" and have not been processed through no fault of their own, will not be subject to disciplinary action by the Board at this time.

- E. Letter from Jack A. Polikoff (License No. 18KT00588900)
RE: Continuing Education / License Renewal

Mr. Polikoff requesting a waiver of the continuing education requirement for the current renewal period 2012-2014. He attached a letter from one of his treating physicians Laura Borgia, CRNP. Mr. Polikoff was recently hospitalized and he is now recovering and cannot travel for CEU's at this time.

A motion was made by David Bank and seconded by Bruce Spicer, in consideration of his delicate health, the Board determined a letter be sent to Mr. Polikoff to wish him well and advise him that due to his special situation, the Board will grant a waiver of the continuing education requirement for the current period ending November 30, 2014. A vote was taken and the motion carried by a unanimous vote.

- F. Letter from IASI (International Association of Structural Integrators)
RE: Structural Integration / MPA (Model Practice Act)

The Board considered this as informational material.

- G. Endorsements/ Board's Review /Other States Regulations.

The Board continued the review of other states requirements for licensure to determine if the educational requirements of the State in which the individual is licensed or certified are substantially similar to the educational requirements in this State.

Upon a motion made by David Bank and seconded by Bruce Spicer, the Board voted to advise that the requirements for licensure of the State of New York are substantially similar to this State and therefore individuals applying for licensure by endorsement from the State of New York shall be eligible for licensure in this State. A vote was taken and the motion carried by a unanimous vote.

Upon a motion made by David Bank and seconded by Lori Keith, the Board voted to advise that the requirements for licensure of the State of Pennsylvania are substantially similar to this State and therefore individuals applying for licensure by endorsement from the State of Pennsylvania shall be eligible for licensure in this State. A vote was taken and the motion carried by a unanimous vote.

Upon a motion made by Bruce Spicer and seconded by David Bank, the Board voted to advise that the requirements for licensure of the State of Texas are substantially similar to this State and therefore individuals applying for licensure by endorsement from the State of Texas shall be eligible for licensure in this State. A vote was taken and the motion carried by a unanimous vote.

Upon motion made by Lori Keith and seconded by David Bank, the Board voted to advise that the requirements for licensure of the State of Florida are substantially similar to this State and therefore individuals applying for licensure by endorsement from the State of Florida shall be eligible for licensure in this State. A vote was taken and the motion carried by a unanimous vote.

Upon a motion made by Lori Keith and seconded by David Bank, the Board voted to advise that the requirements for licensure of the State of Hawaii are substantially similar to this State and therefore individuals applying for licensure by endorsement from the State of Hawaii shall be eligible for licensure in this State. A vote was taken and the motion carried by a unanimous vote.

III. PROVISIONAL ORDER OF DENIAL OF LICENSURE (No Response)

1. Hong J. Leng; Applicant ID# 1743179
Provisional Order of Denial of Licensure filed April 23, 2014

Deputy Attorney General Susan Carboni informed the Board that service was made on the above Provisional Order of Denial, however, the certified mailing was unclaimed. The regular mail was not returned by the United States Postal Service.

Upon a motion made by David Bank and seconded by Bruce Spicer, the Board voted to affirm and finalize the Provisional Order of Denial of Licensure by default with no modifications. A vote was taken and the motion carried by a unanimous vote.

IV. INFORMATIONAL MATERIAL

1. Superior Court of New Jersey
Appellate Division's Decision
RE: Denial of Certification / Licensure of Y.L.

The Board considered this as informational material.

V. PROVISIONAL ORDER OF DENIAL OF LICENSURE (With Response)

1. Irina Reznik; Applicant ID# 1749887
Provisional Order of Denial of Licensure filed August 4, 2014

Deputy Attorney General Barbara Lopez counseled the Board on this matter.

Upon a motion made by Lori Keith and seconded by David Bank, the Board voted to affirm and finalize the Provisional Order of Denial of Licensure by default with no modifications. A vote was taken and the motion carried by a unanimous vote.

At 12: 30 P.M., the Board , upon a motion made by Bruce Spicer and seconded by Lori Keith, the Board voted to move into Executive Session to consider and review consumer complaints, investigative reports and other information received pursuant to the Boards' regulations. The result of these deliberations will be made known when and if the Board determines to initiate disciplinary or other enforcement action. If the Board determines to issue any sanction, action will be taken in public session immediately after the Executive Session. A vote was taken and the motion carried by a unanimous vote.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

**The Board returned to Public Session and a motion was made by Lori Keith and seconded by David Bank, to adjourn the meeting at 3:30 P.M.
A vote was taken and the motion carried by a unanimous vote.**

The meeting was adjourned at 3:30 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Laura L. Anderson,
Executive Director